



October 10, 2014

Mr. Raymond E. Drew  
WPCA Administrator  
City of Torrington WPCA  
140 Main St  
Torrington, CT 06790

Dear Mr. Drew,

At the October 9, 2014 meeting of the 21-town Northwest Hills Council of Governments, the Board voted unanimously to express support for the proposed upgrading of the City of Torrington Area Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) located at 252 Bogue Road, Harwinton, CT.

We understand that the facility, originally constructed in 1939, has undergone both minor and major upgrades over the past 75 years, with the last major upgrade in 1968 and a minor upgrade in 1992. The facility operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and most equipment has been in continuous operation for more than twenty years, some for more than 40 years. The WPCF treats an average of 5.6 million gallons of wastewater per day from the communities of Torrington, Harwinton and Litchfield. The facility also serves as a regional septic waste receiving and processing facility, a regional Fats, Oil and Grease receiving and processing facility, and site of the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the region.

As discussed in your recent presentation to the NHCOCG, the proposed facility upgrades are necessary to provide for the long term sustainability of the wastewater treatment infrastructure and to protect the environment in the area. The proposed upgrade includes improvements to the preliminary, primary and secondary treatment systems, and installation of a tertiary treatment system for the removal of nitrogen and phosphorus which are detrimental nutrients to both the Naugatuck River and Long Island Sound. The proposed upgrade will incorporate new electrical distribution systems to provide for improved energy efficiencies as well as the implementation of other green technologies.

The NHCOCG is pleased to support the City of Torrington's efforts to improve its wastewater treatment infrastructure which will serve to enhance economic development potential, protect the environment, and improve energy efficiencies. If there is anything further that we can do in support of this important project, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rick Lynn, AICP  
Executive Director

cc: NHCOCG Members, Area Legislators